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> The Editor's Podium

From one hornet's nest to another, that's the agenda these days. Its sad but true. Imagine if everyone were busy working on new hardware and software for a "fast growing" Atari marketplace. There'd be no time for the silly bickering. Just work and counting the schekles. But such is not the case. And this is the summer and its known as doldrum time. Atari is involved in getting as much product as possible into the US distribution pipeline. Of this, you can be sure.

Last week, one of our staff editors remarked about some captures of posts he had clandestinely received and what you know? A whole big tsum-mle over a mention of somebody ragging on someone else. Oh well, wonder what it'll be next time. The bottom line is simple had there been no ragging there never would have been any captures.

This week's issue is indicitive of the summer months, the lightning, rain and power outages have been ever present for the last few days and in particular, the last few hours. Thank God for the three UPS units running here. Success to the shows and a fine weekend to all.

Thank you for your strong support!

Ralph....

TODAY'S NEWS ..TODAY!

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE ATARI FORUMS (July 12)

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We're looking for new and interesting files for the file libraries of Atari ST Arts Forum (GO ATARIARTS) and the Atari ST Productivity Forum (GO ATARIPRO). Twice each month, during the months of July, August, and September, the sysops of the Atari Forums will award a \$25 CompuServe connect time credit to the individual who uploads the best new file to Library 1 ("NEW UPLOADS"). This \$25 credit can be applied to \*ANY\* service on CompuServe, not just time spent inside the Atari Forums!

What defines the "best" new upload? Factors in judging will be uniqueness, general interest (the number of downloads received), quality of graphics (if applicable), usefulness or entertainment value.

All uploads to Library 1 ("NEW UPLOADS") will automatically be entered into this promotion. Of course, uploads of files already existant in our libraries do not count. (Although, new versions of previous entries are

eligible.) You do not need to be the author of the upload to win, but you MUST have sufficient rights to the program to make it an acceptable upload according to CompuServe operating rules (public domain and shareware programs are acceptable, for example.)

In case of duplicate uploads of the exact same file, the sysops will accept files based upon time of the first uploaded copy. The first upload period will run from July 1st thru July 15th (inclusive). Judging will be done by the sysop staff of the Atari Forums (influenced by comments from the membership, so be sure to let us know which new files you like and why!)

One credit will be awarded to the best new upload in ATARIARTS and another for the best new upload in ATARIPRO. Please address any questions to Ron Luks [76703,254] via CompuServe Mail (EMAIL) or a message in any of the Atari Forums.

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**** CONFERENCE TRANSCRIPT! ****
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A transcript of the Gadgets by Small/SST and MegaTalk Conference held by the Atari ST Arts Forum on July 11, is now available in LIBRARY 1 of the Atari ST Arts Forum (GO ATARIARTS)

#### NEW FILES FROM LEXICOR SOFTWARE

The following new TT Low resolution Prism Paint pictures are now available in LIBRARY 1 of the Atari ST Arts Forum (GO ATARIARTS):

DINOS1.LZH -- An incredible picture. You'll swear it's a matte oil painting. Ride those dinos!

DRFATE.LZH -- Lee Seiler's rendition of the superhero known as Dr. Fate.

IRAQI.LZH -- Topographical map of Iraq, from CNN to Prism Paint. Broadcast media graphics on the Atari TT!

KNGTUT.LZH -- The ever-popular mask of King Tut, mapped onto a sphere for an interesting visual effect.

VIVID.LZH -- Conversion of a Ray-Traced image created with Vivid. Shows chrome balls and glassy tubes interspersed with the word "Vivid" in striking red, all on a checkerboard background.

WOMAN.LZH -- Soft texture picture of a woman, photograph-like quality.

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NEW VERSION OF PAGESTREAM
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Soft-Logik Publishing Corporation announces that PageStream version 2.1 for the Atari is now shipping. See message number 21362 in the Atari Vendors Forum (GO ATARIVEN) from Deron Kazmaier for further information and ordering instructions concerning this major upgrade.

#### NEW CODEHEAD FILES

The following programs are now available in Library 16, CodeHead Software,

of the Atari Vendors Forum (GO ATARIVEN) courtesy of John Eidsvoog:

SHOMEM.ARC - ShowMem4 Memory Block Displayer  
LOADKY.PRG - LoadKeys Program for use with CodeHead's CodeKeys  
CLKSET.ARC - CodeHead's ClockSetter, Version 1.3  
HOTEDT.ARC - Hot Editor 3.1 for editing HotWire menu files.  
LENRD6.ARC - Leonard6, the Bomb Handler -- v1.2

#### NEW IN ATARI PORTFOLIO FORUM

The sysops have enabled a new message section for discussion on Peripherals (Section 11). A free hard disk driver for your Portfolio? That's right! Steve of BSE, has uploaded the driver files which allow you to setup an external hard disk for your Portfolio using their Flashdrive interface. The driver files are now available in LIBRARY 1. (Make sure you read ATFLAS.DOC first.)

THE ATARI PORTFOLIO FORUM ON COMPUSERVE  
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> PAGESTREAM 2.1 STR FOCUS                      SOFT-LOGIK RELEASES PGST 2.1!  
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PAGESTREAM 2.1 SHIPS!  
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Soft-Logik Publishing Corporation Soft-Logik Publishing is pleased to announce the release of PageStream 2.1 for Atari ST/STe/TT computers. PageStream 2.1 is a full-feature desktop publishing program which sets the standard for publishing on Atari computers.

PageStream 2.1 features Compugraphic Intellifonts, PostScript font support, as well as PageStream format fonts. Version 2.1 renders fonts as outlines on screen for a jaggy-free display. You can print hinted Compugraphic fonts for the ultimate in dot matrix, ink jet and SLM/HP output, plus use PostScript fonts on any type of printer.

PageStream 2.1 support most graphic formats for the Atari, Amiga, Mac and PC. PageStream has always supported all the major Atari formats such as IMG, GEM, Degas and NeoChrome, but PageStream also supports GIF, TIFF, IFF, PCX, EPS, Adobe Illustrator, DR2D, Aegis, ProDraw, and Mac EPS. And of course PageStream supports popular text formats such as WordPerfect 4, WordWriter, 1st Word Plus and ASCII.

Color is another area in which PageStream excels. 2.1 offers real CMYK

color definition for professional printing. Plus you can run PageStream in medium ST/STE resolution, or in TT color modes to view your documents in color.

PageStream 2.1 is a professional product. It includes 10 Compugraphic fonts and 8 PageStream format fonts. The program comes with a spiral bound User Manual and a smaller QuickStart Guide to help you install, learn and use PageStream. The manual is fully indexed and includes a Quick Reference Card.

PageStream 2.1 is \$299.95. Upgrades from 1.8 are \$75 until August 31, 1991. After that date upgrades will be \$100. The upgrade includes four disks (with the new fonts), the two manuals and the quick reference card.

If you have not received an upgrade brochure or are interested in purchasing PageStream 2.1, call Soft-Logik sales at 1-800-829-8608.

PageStream 2.1 started shipping July 5, 1991. Upgrades are still being processed so if you have already ordered it you should receive it soon.

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LATE BREAKING INDUSTRY-WIDE NEWS

Issue #28

Compiled by: Lloyd E. Pulley, Sr.

--Maynard, Massachusetts  
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DEC AXES STAFF IN U.S. & CANADA

Digital Equipment (DEC) has announced 800 layoffs in its United States sales force and 77 more layoffs at its Canadian manufacturing plant in Kanata, Ontario.

--New York, New York  
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SELF-CONFESSED TEENAGE 'HACKER' IS  
INVESTIGATED

Because of rumors of attacks by logic bombs or viruses set to go off on July 4th, agents of the United States Secret Service visited the Pennsylvania home of a self-confessed teenage 'hacker' known as 'Wing'.

On advice from his father, 'Wing' refused to discuss the matter with the agents. According to 'Wing', 'The last time that the Secret Service was here my father told them not to come back again without a warrant so, when they did, I didn't talk to them. The whole thing is ridiculous anyhow. There was obviously no July 4th bombs and I certainly didn't plant any.'

A Secret Service official said that, because of Wing's juvenile status, his parents have the right to deny the agents' request for an interview. The agent further said that, to his knowledge, there were no cases of computer attack on the 4th of July.

--Scotts Valley, California  
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BORLAND TO ACQUIRE ASHTON-TATE

In a shocking move, Borland International has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Ashton-Tate Corp. Under terms of the agreement, Ashton-Tate shareholders are set to receive a fraction of a share of Borland common stock having a market value of \$17.50 for each of their shares, provided that no less than 0.346 shares and no more than 0.398 shares will be issued for each Ashton-Tate share.

Although the agreement has been approved by both boards of directors, it still needs approval from each company's shareholders and the receipt of all required governmental approvals.

--San Francisco, California  
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APPLE/MICROSOFT/HP TRIAL SET TO  
START AFTER JAN

In a copyright infringement case now over three years old, a federal judge has put the wheels in motion for a full-blown jury trial for some time after January, 1992. The suit which was brought by Apple, argues that Microsoft's Windows and HP's NewWave graphical user interfaces infringe upon the company's Macintosh user interface.

Two other recent motions were recently blocked by Judge Vaughn Walker, who is hearing the case. In one, Hewlett-Packard charged that Apple actually used fraud to obtain the original copyright. In the other, Apple had attempted to end a licensing contract between itself and Microsoft, under which Microsoft could legally use some of the Macintosh software technology in its Windows software.

--Tokyo, Japan  
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PRICE CUTTING WARS REACH JAPAN

The computer pricing wars have finally reached Japan. In a market that has become saturated, several industry majors, including Apple, AST Research and IBM, have begun lowering the cost of their PCs in a bid to boost, and in some cases, simply maintain, their current market share.

Apple has lowered the pricing on its Macintosh products and laser printers by as much as 30%. The Catena Group, a Japanese Compaq dealer, has cut pricing on its PCs by between 12% and 24.4%. AST Research, meanwhile, has cut its Japanese pricing by an average of 25.2%.

Although the price cuts are good for the consumer in the short term, industry analysts are worried that the price wars could escalate, forcing some suppliers out of the Japanese market. In the longer term, this could actually force prices up, as competition dwindles.

--Fountain, Colorado  
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'ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH' FOR APPLE?

Apple's new plant in Fountain, Colorado will be used to manufacture its new laptop model computer, which Apple hopes to introduce before the end of the year, according to Apple Corp.

According to sources at Apple, portables will not be the initial units to be produced at the plant, which Apple purchased from Data General in March of this year. The plant will start out making the Macintosh IIsx, Apple's entry-level machine in the Mac II family.

--Cleveland, Ohio  
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PROGRAMMERS NOT OUT OF STYLE

A survey of 1,092 alumni of college undergraduate information systems programs in the United States by the Association of Systems Management shows that programming is not dead. The survey found about 25% working as programmers and 15% as system analysts.

Most of those now working as programmers had graduated in the past three years, while those working as systems analysts, managers, or consultants had mainly been out of school five years or more.

Though the survey found plenty of programming jobs, it also showed that problem solving and working with end users are more and more important skills for programmers and analysts.

--Washington, DC  
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FTC FINDS JAPANESE GUILTY OF DUMPING  
NOTEBOOK AND LAPTOP SCREENS IN U.S.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has determined that some foreign companies are 'dumping', or selling their flat screen computer displays at prices as much as 60% below foreign market value.

The screens covered by the determination are those used on notebook and laptop computers and include large area, matrix-addressed displays having more than 120,000 pixel resolution. These less-than-four-inches-thick displays are active-matrix liquid crystal, passive-matrix liquid crystal, gas plasma, and electroluminescent technology-based computer displays. Toshiba and Matsushita gas plasma screens will not be required to pay any dumping duties.

Since there are no significant domestic sources of these screens and the computer industry is relying on notebook sales for the next big PC market, any trade sanctions imposed against foreign producers would hurt the U.S. industry as a whole as well as buyers.

This is essentially the same situation that occurred when memory chip prices skyrocketed several years ago after trade sanctions were imposed and there was insufficient U.S. manufacturing capacity to meet domestic demand.



--Brussels, Belgium

EC PROBES FLOPPY DISK "DUMPING"

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The European Community (EC) has announced a major investigation into floppy disk pricing amid allegations that Far Eastern suppliers have been dumping 3.5-inch disks at or below production costs.

The investigation centers on allegations from several European disk manufacturers that Japan, China, and Taiwan are supplying low-grade 3.5-inch floppy disks for sale in Europe. According to the EC, Far Eastern exports of 3.5-inch floppy disks into Europe rose by almost 300 percent between 1988 and 1990. At the same time, supply pricing almost halved.

Disk production within the EC has fallen as a result. The only major disk producer in the U.K., for example, is Verbatim, which has a large plant in Ireland, with packaging facilities on the English mainland.

--Brisbane, Australia

VAMPIRE LESBIANS PROVOKE TELECOM  
OUTRAGE

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Telecom has been severely criticized after saying that it can't police the standards of messages on 0055 pay-for-message services. This service is essentially the Australian version of "900" services in the US, in which callers pay by the minute with both the called firm, and the phone company, receiving a cut.

The incident which has prompted public outcry is a thinly disguised recreation of a recent, bizarre murder case. In the real incident, a three lesbian lovers were jailed after picking up a man at a nightclub and taking him to a deserted place where they ceremonially killed him and drank his blood in self-confessed "vampire" fashion.

The mimic phone service is called Lesbian Vampires, and is a recorded story with almost identical facts, including names. The wife of the victim, Elaine Baldock, says she can't believe Telecom could be so callous, forcing her to relive the horror of her husband's death. The message is produced by the Acetal company in Melbourne.

A sample of the type coverage for STR's PCReport.

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LATE BREAKING INDUSTRY-WIDE NEWS

Issue #2

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--New York, New York

IBM/MICROSOFT:  
THE GULF BECOMES A CHASM

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The coincidental announcements by IBM and Microsoft on July 3rd brought to light, once again, the disagreements between the firms over the fut-

ures of OS/2 and MS-DOS/Microsoft Windows. These disagreements have, in the eyes of many industry analysts, caused the deterioration and possible rupturing of the relationship between the firms.

The announcement by IBM and Apple Computer that they are forming a jointly owned, independently operated subsidiary to develop object-oriented software to service the computer industry, specifically named "AIX, OS/2 and Macintosh" as the "current operating systems" which it will support. When IBM spokesperson was asked whether the omission of MS-DOS as a supported system was an oversight or by design, Jeffrey said, "If a user needs to run an MS-DOS application, it can be run under OS/2. This facility protects those with important MS-DOS applications while allowing them to move to a powerful multitasking operating system."

Microsoft's announcement, made on the same day, that it will ship OS/2 version 2.0 to its OEMs "sometime around the end of the year" contained faint praise for OS/2 and reaffirmed Microsoft's commitment to MS-DOS and Windows.

--Chicago, Illinois  
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BLACKHAWK SEEKS SUPERVGA BETA TESTERS  
FOR DGT V2.21

Blackhawk Data has released dGT v 2.20 and is now looking for a few beta test sites for version 2.2. The new version will add support for Ahead Systems' Ahead 5000A; C&T's 82c451-56 (including Boca and Cardinal OEM units); Cirrus CL-GD 500/600; Genoa 6400/6600; Oak Technologies' OTI-067; Trident Microsystems' TVGA 8800C; Tseng Lab's ET 3000; Vision Technologies' Everex EV; and VESA BIOS v1.1 or later, those systems which support SuperVGA in BIOS.

Those having systems using one of the above VGA adapters and wishing to participate in a Blackhawk Data beta test program should contact the company at 307 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1008, Chicago, IL 60601. The company's phone number is 312-236-8473.

Beta tests are unpaid opportunities to evaluate new products for a company and should only be attempted by advanced computer users associated either with companies or the press. Generally, home users are not capable of performing proper beta testing and will normally not be considered as beta test sites.

--Redmond, Washington  
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IBM TO BUNDLE MICROSOFT APPS WITH  
PCS FOR SCHOOLS

IBM has announced plans to bundle Microsoft Windows 3.0 with Multimedia Extensions, as well as Word For Windows and Excel, with PCs sold to higher education institutions.

Multimedia extensions provide standard programming interfaces and end-user support for multimedia hardware, such as compact disc players, video disc players, and video cassette recorders. It also enables the display, editing and storage of digital audio, animation and motion video.

Called Selected Academic Solutions (SAS), various combinations of hardware and software will be marketed to colleges and universities for prices ranging from \$1,099 to \$2,549.

--Redmond, Washington  
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## MICROSOFT TO OPEN DALLAS SUPPORT SITE

Microsoft has announced plans to open its third product support services (PSS) site in October of this year. The new site will be located in Dallas, Texas. Initially the Dallas PSS site will handle inquiries about Windows, DOS 5, and LAN Manager, expanding their support to other Microsoft products at a later time.

-- New for the PC  
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## Gateway Intros LAN Operating System

Dubbed the 'Great OS,' by its creators and aimed at the small-to-medium sized businesses, a new operating system that connects DOS-based computers into a peer-to-peer or client/server-based local area network (LAN) has been announced by Gateway Communications.

Gateway maintains that the new LAN provides distributed file sharing, electronic mail, system management, security, backup and access to remote communications products.

Gateway officials said that Great OS is based on DOS and written to comply with the Open Systems Interface (OSI) seven-layer model. According to the company, Great OS supports Microsoft Net applications programming interfaces for multi-user programs hooks, disk and device redirection and node naming, and all the Ethernet Standards as well.

Gateway provides the hardware to go with the new LAN software for the IBM personal computer and compatible market. These hardware products include G/Ethernet and G/Ethertwist adapters, and hub adapters that can be connected by coaxial cable, unshielded twisted-pair or fiber optic cable, the company said.

-- New for the PC  
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## Everex Unveils WYSIWYG Fax Modem

Everex Systems has introduced an Everfax 24/96 data/fax modem with new software capable of supporting WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) fax transmissions.

The modem operates as either a 2400bps (bits-per-second) unit with MNP Class 5 error correction and data compression, or as a Group III fax modem. Everex claims that the Everfax 24/96 is capable of adding dramatic formatting effects and graphics to fax images.

According to Everex, the software sends and receives faxes in the background, allowing the computer to run other applications simultaneously. Memory requirements are 61k on a standard 640KB DOS machine, decreasing to 45KB if expanded memory is used.

-- New for the PC  
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## Windowbase, first database for Windows environment

Software Products International (SPI) has announced Windowbase, a stand-alone relational database management system for Microsoft Windows 3.0

that supports Structured Query Language (SQL). Although several database products for the Windows environment have been announced, Windowbase is one of the first to make it to market.

WindowBase provides full support of SQL, the company said. SPI claims that users with little or no knowledge of SQL can execute queries via button selections, edit controls, scroll bars and check boxes.

WindowBase ships with both 5.25-inch and 3.5-inch formats and works on any IBM PC AT, PS/2 or 100 percent compatible computer running DOS version 3.1 or higher and Windows 3.0.

The retail price is \$495. A dealer evaluation copy of WindowBase is available for \$49 until August 31 by calling 800/MER-ISEL.

-- New for the PC  
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Improved Compton Encyclopedia On  
CD-ROM

Britannica Software has begun shipping an improved version of its Compton's Multimedia Encyclopaedia for MS-DOS systems.

The new version 1.2D has one quarter more information than the previous release, including information on the invasion of Kuwait and post-Cold War Era negotiations between the superpowers. Improved graphics, better search capabilities, and faster animation are some of the improvements included in the latest version of the \$795 encyclopaedia, which can be upgraded from the 1990 edition for \$150.

System requirements are a CD-ROM player, an IBM AT or faster system running MS-DOS 4.01 or higher, 604 megabytes of RAM memory, VGA graphics capability, mouse, and a minimum 20 MB hard drive.

-- New for the PC  
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Asset, Marketing Database For Windows

MIS Developments has unveiled Asset, a marketing database package that the company claims has been specifically designed for the Microsoft Windows 3 operating system front end.

Announcing the immediate availability of the package, MIS said that the package offers full multi-user capabilities supporting all major networks. Data can be imported or exported in a variety of ways.

Pricing starts at UKP 1,995 and ranges up to UKP 29,000. All versions of the software can be customized to meet customer needs. MIS Developments is a developer of mission critical applications. Asset is designed for use on Windows 3 with 80286, 386 and 386SX-based hardware and the Apple Macintosh range of computers.

-- New for the PC  
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Remote Communications Package For  
Consultants

To take advantage of the convenience of telecommuting, Sophco has announced Offsite, a new product to allow communication, management, troubleshooting, and diagnostics of a remote computer.

Several packages exist on the personal computer market that allow a user

to operate another computer via telephone connections using modems, like PC Remote and Carbon Copy, but Offsite has added features that set it apart, Sophco said.

Offsite comes in two parts, the commander side, also called the host, and the receiver. The commander side of Offsite takes up around 384k of system memory to operate and its list cost is \$295. The receiver side takes only 35k and costs \$75.

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> LEMMINGS! STR InfoFile      These Lemmings are in TROUBLE!  
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LEMMINGS - THE VICTIMS!  
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by Jim Nalewick

The following is the list of code words that will take you to the different levels in Lemmings.

Lemmings is a game published by Psygnosis that has been keeping us busy for the last few weeks. Very few computer games have kept our attention as this one has. Other games that have kept us glued to the computer have been Lode Runner, Boulder Dash, and Populous.

In Lemmings the object of the game is to guide the Lemmings to the exit and keep them from getting killed. There are four levels of play with thirty screens to each level. The first level is the easiest and is named FUN. After that there is Tricky and Taxing. The hardest level is Mayhem.

Each level has an entrance where the lemmings are released. They then start walking across the screen. There are many different obstacles that keep the lemmings from reaching the exit.

Each of the different levels have different numbers of lemmings that are

released. Some levels have 100 lemmings, others only have 50, some only have one lemming. As lemmings are released, they are walkers. You then give the lemmings different skills to get them through the screen to the exit. One option will allow you to dig horizontally through objects. Another option will allow you to dig vertically. Each level has a time in

which you must save the lemmings. In addition there is a percentage of lemmings that you must save. At the lower levels, you only have to save a few of the lemmings. As the levels increase you have to save higher amounts.

The 120 screens will keep you busy for a long time. And if that was not enough, there is even a two player game. In the two player game, you fight another player for the maximum number of lemmings that go to your exit. The only draw back I can find with the two player game is that one person uses the mouse and the second player uses a joystick or keyboard. I found that this puts the person using the mouse at an advantage.

I played the Atari ST version.

There is also an Amiga version and PC version.

# LEMMINGS CODE SHEET =====

FUN		TRICKY	
Level	Code	Level	Code
1	START HERE!	1	NCAOLMFPDN
2	IJJLDNCCCN	2	CMOLMFNQDK
3	NJLDNCADCK	3	CAJJLDOBOX
4	HNLJCIOECY	4	IKJLDKCCEN
5	LDNCAJNFCEM	5	OJNLKCEDEY
6	DNCIJNLGCV	6	HNLKCMNEEO
7	NCANLLDHCQ	7	LLKCAJLFER
8	CINNLDNICL	8	LKCMJLNGEQ
9	CEKHMDNJJCQ	9	OCENLLDHEX
10	MJJOLJCKCQ	10	CINLLDOIEH
11	OJOLJCELCO	11	CAKJOLKJEX
12	HMDNCINMCK	12	IJHMDOCKEX
13	MDNCAKLNCU	13	NJOLKCALEM
14	DNCIJNMOCO	14	HMDOCINMEN
15	NCANNMDPCL	15	OLKCEKNNET
16	CINNOLJQCK	16	LOBIJNOOEK
17	CEJHLFNBDBJ	17	KCANLMLPEQ
18	IJHLFJCCDK	18	CINLMDOQEV
19	NHLNJCADDP	19	CAKHNNKBFP
20	JLNJCIOEDL	20	IJJLFOCCFT
21	NNJCAJNFDV	21	OHLFOCADFP
22	NJCMJLNGDQ	22	JLNKCINEFN
23	NCANLLFHDT	23	LFOCEJLFFU
24	BINLNFNIDN	24	NOBIKNNGFV
25	CAKJMFJJDN	25	OCENLLFHFH
26	IKJMNNBKDR	26	BIOLNFKIFN
27	NJMFNCALDW	27	CAJJMFOJFT

28	HMNJCIOMDS	28	MKHONKCKFV
29	MNJCAJNNDM	29	OHMFOCELFM
30	FNCMJLMDT	30	JMFOCINMFS

TAXING		MAYHEM	
Level	Code	Level	Code
1	MFOCEJLNFN	1	NJMFNGALHO
2	FOCMKLMOFX	2	JONJGIOMHO
3	KCANLMNPFT	3	ONJGAKLNHV
4	CINNMFOQFK	4	FNGIJNMOHJ
5	GEKJNLJBGX	5	NGANNMFPHW
6	IJHLDNGCGT	6	GINLONJQHT
7	OHLDJGADGN	7	GAJJLDOBIP
8	HLDNGMOEGO	8	IKHNLKGCIN
9	LDNGAJNFGU	9	OHLDOGADIU
10	DNGIJNLGGN	10	HLDOGMOEIR
11	NGANNLDHGK	11	LLKGAJLFIJ
12	GINNLDNIGT	12	DOGIJNLGIQ
13	GAJHMLJJGX	13	OGANNLDHIN
14	MKHMDNGKGR	14	GINNLDOI IW
15	NHMDNGELGN	15	GAJHMDOJIW
16	HMDNGIOMGT	16	IJHMDOGKIP
17	MDNGAKLNGM	17	NJMDOGALIO
18	DNGMJLMOGY	18	HMDOGIOMIW
19	NGANLMDPGR	19	OLKGEKNNIL
20	GINNOLJQGS	20	LKGIJNNOOIP
21	GAKHNNJBHU	21	OGANNMDPIW
22	IJJLFNGCHY	22	GINNMDOQIP
23	NJLFGADHV	23	GAJHNNKBJW
24	JNNJGMOEHJ	24	IKHLFOGCJK
25	LFNGAJNFHX	25	NJLFOGADJY
26	FNGIJNLGHQ	26	HLFOGMOEJU
27	NGEOLLFHHQ	27	NNKGEKLFJT
28	GMOLNNJIHP	28	FOGIJNLGJT
29	GEKHMFIJHJ	29	OGANNLFHJQ
30	MKHONJGKHM	30	GINLNNKIJN

> The Flip Side STR Feature  
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"...a different viewpoint"



A LITTLE OF THIS, A LITTLE OF THAT  
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by Michael Lee

I finally found the time to get onto Genie and catch up on their posts. I found I had been off-line so long, that it was almost impossible to catch up on the older posts. So here are the most interesting ones from this last week.

I'll be gone for a few more weeks, so I'll see you when I get back.

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Where to find Mac roms from Dave Small on the Gadgets by Small Roundtable on Genie..

San Jose Computers (408 area code; you could get their number by dialing 408- 555-1212, which is information) FAX'ed us that they had a number of ROMS, and asked us to tell anyone interested.

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An interesting tidbit about Atari's new CPX control panel from Kurt Werner - Cat. 14, topic 27, message 39 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

If anybody is interested, the order that the CPX's are listed in the control panel is the same as the order that they are in the folder that you keep them in. So, you can use a folder sort utility to change the the order that they are displayed. I like to have the General and ADSCSI CPXs on top!

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ATW info from Bill Rehbock, Director of Technical Services, Atari Corp. - Cat. 14, topic 38, message 62 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie

By the way, the ATW \_is\_ available to interested educational-oriented developers. All support is being handled by Atari U.K., however. If you are seriously interested, please contact:

Atari Corporation(UK) Ltd.  
Intercity House Railway  
Terrace Slough SL2 5BZ  
Attn: Gary Lawman  
Fax: 011-44-753-822914

The current development system cost for the ATW is ~ U.S.\$4900.00

I have no other system specifics on the ATW available, please direct inquiries to Atari U.K.

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A ST problem by Jack Hock - Cat. 14, topic 4, message 253 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

I have a 1040ST with 4 meg Aerco board, and ICDs Adspeed. Lately after an hour or more, I get 3 bombs and a total lockup. This can

occur whether the hard drive is on or even with the HD off and playing an autoboot game such as "Lemmings" (great game). I re-seated all the custom chips, then added a small fan to cool the hard drive and still get occassional bombs. Could the power supply failing? Or possibly the 373 drivers not doing their job. The machine has run for several months with the Adspeed in it with no problem, and the Aerco board has been in for a couple of years with no problem.

Ralph Mariano at ST Report to the rescue - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

Check out your power supply..... look for bulging tops on the electrolytic capacitors. (The can-like goodies) and check for proper voltages at the connector with a full load applied.

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Some interesting tidbits about the GCR by STACE (Sysop) on the Gadgets by Small Roundtable on Genie...

The folks at Fearn and Music over in Germany have announced the availability of some of their products here in the United States. One of the more notable products is their SLM 804 INIT. This INIT, when placed in your System folder, allows you to get 300 dpi output on the Atari SLM Laser Printer in MAC MODE! The last I heard (two weeks ago), the SLM 804 INIT did not yet support the U.S. paper sizes. However, perhaps that has been fixed? You should ask about that before ordering.

They can be contacted at: FEARN  
(805) 925-6682

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From Doug Wheeler (ICD) on updating your ICD boot software - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

I highly recommend the following steps whenever updating your ICD boot software:

1. Create a master ICD boot floppy (with ICDBOOT.PRG in the AUTO folder)
2. Reboot and boot from the floppy (pressing Alt-LeftShift-Ctrl after the floppy light comes on)
3. If drive C is not available, run ICDBOOT.PRG manually from the floppy
4. Run HDUTIL.PRG and set drive C to autoboot

Although usually it's OK to simply copy ICDBOOT.SYS over the old version on your boot drive, this is not recommended since this does not update the boot blocks on the hard drive which we change from time to time.

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Some misc. Supra information from Mark White (Supra) - Cat. 4, Topic 39, Message 122 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

We have just moved to our new quarters, the address is:

7101 SW Supra Drive  
Albany, OR 97321

We also have some new phone numbers, but the old numbers also work!

503-967-2400....Main  
503-967-2401....Fax  
800-727-8772....Sales (Orders only)  
503-967-2440....Tech Support (9-4 pst)  
503-967-2444....BBS (2 lines - 2400 Plus & 9600 Plus)

There are 2 generations of the Supra hard disk interface. The first generation progressed to the point of adding a SCSI pass thru port. The second generation added a clock and DMA pass thru port. The first generation SCSI interface will not work with the newer SCSI drives, but the second generation does. If you have an older interface, you can upgrade to the new version.

Ok, here is the official upgrade prices and policies.

-- Definitions --

Full Package - return the modem, power supply, and manual  
Defect - the modem is defective

2400 MNP.....MNP2-5      2400 Plus.....MNP2-5, v.42bis  
9600 Plus.....v.32,MNP2-5, v.42bis

MNP2-4.....error correction

MNP5.....up to 2x data compression on uncompressed data, always  
compresses

LapM.....error correction, part of v.42bis standard (Link Access  
Protocol Modem)

BTLZ.....up to 4x data compression on uncompressed data, only  
compresses that data that is compressible, part of v.42bis standard  
(British Telecom Lempel-Ziv)

v.32.....International 9600 signal standard

-- Upgrade Prices --

To: SupraModem 2400 MNP retail - \$199.95

Full Package - OK \$104.95	Full Package - defect \$129.95
Just modem - OK \$109.95	Just modem - defect \$134.95

To: SupraModem 2400 Plus retail - \$239.95

Full Package - OK \$124.95	Full Package - defect \$149.95
Just modem - OK \$129.95	Just modem - defect \$154.95

To: SupraModem 2400I MNP retail - \$149.95

Full Package - OK \$ 94.95	Full Package - defect \$119.95
Just modem - OK \$ 99.95	Just modem - defect \$124.95

To: SupraModem 2400I Plus retail - \$199.95

Full Package - OK \$124.95	Full Package - defect \$144.95
Just modem - OK \$129.95	Just modem - defect \$149.95

To: SupraModem 9600 Plus retail - \$699.95

2400 external \$519.95  
2400 Plus external \$479.95

2400 MNP external \$499.95  
2400I \$519.95

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Some misc. questions and answers from the Soft Logik RoundTable on Genie...

Question from Jeff Jewell...

I just bought PageStream 1.5 used. I'd like to transfer the registration and upgrade to the current version. How should I do this?

Answer from Fred.M....

I'm pretty sure you will be able to do that...Call Soft-Logik (1-800-829-8608) or (1-314-894-8608) and tell them what you want to do. Once you're registered you should upgrade to 2.1 ASAP!

Question from R.KREBS....

What are Type 1 fonts? Are they screen or printer fonts? Will any of the type 1 fonts for IBM or Mac work or do they have to be converted? If they are used to print to a Postscript printer do the fonts have to be available in the Postscript printers memory?

Answer from Nevin Shalit (Sysop)....

PageStream 2.1 handles Type 1 fonts for both Screen and Printer. It works like this: If you have bitmaps with the font (and many Type 1 fonts have bitmaps) PGS will use the bitmaps up to about 24 pixels (24 points at normal view). After that PGS will use the outlines for superior display. If you do NOT have bitmaps then PGS will always use outline fonts which are a lot slower than bitmaps.

Type 1 fonts will print to any printer. But with a PostScript printer the fonts will also make use of any hinting that is contained. This means that in smaller sizes (12 points and below) the fonts will print slightly differently-- and better--if you have a PostScript printer. Type 1s will print to non PS printers without any hinting.

PGS uses IBM Type 1 fonts. It is not too difficult to convert Mac Type 1s to IBM style.

More questions from CHAZ....

...are these the same fonts available for Calamus? Can fonts purchased for one be used with the other? Is there a main source for Compugraphic fonts and do they provide a catalog?

Answer from Nevin Shalit (Sysop)....

PageStream and Calamus CG fonts are not the same (PageStream CG fonts retain the hinting and Calamus converts the fonts into Calamus style and does not retain the hinting). I am not sure how one purchases CG fonts...or if they need to be converted or anything. I will find out and post a message later today or tomorrow.

Question from Beth Freeman...

Is this new version of Pagestream completely compatible with the older version of Pagestream? Does it have a spell check dictionary so that users can check the spelling of text files created in Pagestream?

Answer from Fred.M....

The new version (2.1) will still load pre 2.0 documents but new documents that you save with 2.1 cannot be loaded into PgS 1.82 and

earlier. The new version will still use the same fonts plus with 2.1 you can use Adobe Type 1 fonts and Compugraphic fonts!

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Some thoughts regarding Word Flair II's design and feature set from John Fox (Gold Leaf) - Cat. 35, topic 3, message 203 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

Wordflair II is designed specifically for short compound documents: text, graphics, data, calculations. There are indeed many features that "power users" of wordprocessors, databases, DTP programs, etc. would find lacking. Examples include indexes, footnotes, outlining, typographical control, and so forth. Wordflair II is not intended to compete with these programs. Rather, we see it as a complementary program that quickly and easily builds compound documents.

We use GDOS and FFSM GDOS because we wanted to provide a WYSISYG environment. Good looking fonts with multiple point sizes and graphics have become the standard for good looking printed material.

Most people who own dot matrix printers are unhappy with the speed of our printing. Dot matrix printers were never really designed for anything other than ASCII printing. Fortunately with bubble jet, ink jet and low cost laser printers, the cost of graphics printers is coming in line with the higher end 24 pin printers. The output speed to these printers is very good, and with the attendant quality, why bother with dot matrix draft output?

The problem with printing using a printer's native fonts is that it defeats the purpose of WF (ie WYSIWIG environment) and it would require that we worry about each printer's different control codes for page breaks, bold, etc.

However, there is a solution. Using Harlekin, the much discussed multiple accessory accessory, there is a text editor that is incredibly fast and prints using the printer's built in fonts. Since you can run easily exchange text files between WFII and Harlekin, you can use WFII to type, spell check, etc., then use Harlekin to print drafts. Finally, Harlekin has so many great features that we think it makes a wonderful complement to WFII for business use (eg notebook, calendar, organizer, etc.) In fact, we think WFII, Harlekin and Tracker ST is the perfect trio for small businesses and organizations.

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About Sherlock Professional, the trainable OCR package from John Fox (GoldLeaf) - Cat. 35, Topic 9, Message 4 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

Sherlock Professional is a trainable OCR package that with proper performs extremely well. There are three phases to working with Sherlock Pro.

First is the scan. You can set the scan area, adjust the resolution, and even make corrections such as thickening characters that were printed lightly. The program directly supports the Epson, Panasonic and Microtek scanners. Otherwise you can load any .IMG file. Support for other flatbed scanners is being considered. The advantage to using a supported scanner is that you can perform the recognition while you scan for increased throughput.

The second phase is the training. This is where you "teach" the program to recognize the various characters in the image you are working with. There are three levels of recognition. The process is usually done in three passes. Once to run through as many letters in the alphabet as possible. The second time to begin recognition and test line and character spacing. The third time is "solidify" the recognition of characters. The advantage to trainable OCR is that you can work with any foreign characters, bullets, dingbats, etc. Other packages that aren't trainable are faster to begin the recognition process, but are oftentimes less accurate because they are too "dumb" to recognize non-standard characters. Once you have "taught" Sherlock to recognize the characters in a particular font, you can begin the recognition process. Sherlock prompts you when it comes across a character it doesn't recognize. It also recognizes ligatures (two characters that are spaced closely together and are seen as a single character). Once you've performed a thorough training, you can save all that information in a file.

Finally, the third phase is the spell check. This check is not for grammatical errors but for the common, often repeated mistakes that all OCR programs make. This module is user alterable, so for instance, you can choose to automatically substitute characters such as bullets, dingbats, trademark symbols, and the like.

If a user is willing to put in the time to properly train Sherlock, the speed and accuracy possible is indeed very good. The thing about OCR is that you have to determine in advance if the document is long enough to warrant the preparation time required to get good results.

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Rick Senske's opinion of Dragon's Lair - Cat. 9, Topic 18, Message 2 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

The game is terrible. It only runs off of the floppy disk and can't be copied to the hard drive. I admit, I bought it for the graphics, but after only three lives, you gotta start over. The scenes fly by so fast, you really just have to guess at which direction to go. There isn't much thinking that goes into this game. I sure wish I could take it back. It's now a doorstop.

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A cute joke I found in the ISD category - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

This software salesman dies and finds himself at the Pearly Gates; he says to St. Peter, "Glad to meet you, St. Pete. I'm a software salesman, one of the most successful ever -- I'm sure there's a place for me inside those gates!"

"Not so fast, software salesman!" St Peter says, "First, you have a choice to make. Take a look at God's video terminal. You get to choose between heaven -- . " And on the display terminal there's a picture of fat men quietly punching keyboards, scratching their heads and reading software manuals... "Or, you can choose Hell." On the screen appears a picture of the biggest party ever imagined -- show-girls dancing, champagne corks popping, and every man has a beautiful woman on his lap.

"Wow!" shouts the software salesman -- "I'll take Hell if I'm guar-

anteed one of those beautiful showgirls and plenty of champagne and eats!" An instant later he finds himself engulfed in searing, excruciatingly painful flames that seem to leap 500 feet into the sky.

"St. Peter -- St. Peter, help! Somethings wrong! I'm burning in hell-fire! What happened to the champagne and the showgirls on the video screen?"

St. Peter's voice is heard softly over the roar of the flames: "Oh, you surely understand that, software salesman -- that was just the demo!"

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Until next week.....

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#### :HOW TO GET YOUR OWN GENIE ACCOUNT:

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To sign up for GENie service: Call: (with modem) 800-638-8369.

Upon connection type HHH (RETURN after that).  
Wait for the U#= prompt.

Type: XTX99587,CPUREPT then, hit RETURN.

\*\*\*\* SIGN UP FEE WAIVED \*\*\*\*

The system will now prompt you for your information.

-> NOW! GENIE BASIC STAR SERVICE IS IN EFFECT!! <-

Usually during the summer months people tend to go out and catch the rays. Although we remain active, we have not seen this much activity since the early days. My hats off to all that are participating in the Atari areas on GENie.

The beginning of August, we will be announcing what compression methods we will accept in the library. We still need to hear from you. Please send mail to DARLAH or post your thoughts in Category one of the message base.

Over the years, we have often heard that our readers desire an IGNORE AUTHOR command in the bulletin board. Do you think the readers should have an option such as this? Either way, please send mail to ST\$ letting us know how you feel on this matter and why. We need to hear from you. If you prefer posting your thoughts in the bulletin board, please use Category one.

The library has certainly been extremely active. For all of you that have taken the time to share with us, we thank you. We deeply appreciate it and so does our membership. Let me take a few moments to highlight a few of our files.

File# 19999 DYSTDEMO.ARC, #20001 DYTDEMO.ARC contain the ST and TT demo of Dyncadd 2.0. File #20004 DYDEMOM2.ARC contains the configuration files that you must have for either version. This is the latest version.

File# 20011 FLAGSETT.LZH sets/program load flags for the TT.

File# 20009 MDATE.LZH is an all in one diary/phone book and database. This file is so popular that it has its very own topic in the bulletin board. Check it out and see what everyone is talking about.

Of special Interest... Lee Seiler of Lexicor will be the host of an online conference August 7. Further details as they are finalized.

\*\*\*\* PAGESTREAM 2.1 RELEASED!! \*\*\*\*  
Special Conference

DERON KAZMAIER joins us ONLINE in the Monday Night Desktop Publishing Real Time Conference here in the ST RoundTable!! July 15 at 10:00 EDT, 7:00 PDT. Type M475,2 and then join us in Room 3 to hear all about the latest version of this all-time Atari favorite!

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> STR Mail Call                    "...a place for the readers to be heard"  
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STReport's MailBag  
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from IAAD member, Dorothy Brumleve;

An Open Letter to the Editor of ST Report  
Concerning the IAAD Category on GENie

July 7, 1991

To the Editor:

Remarks by your Staff Editor, Lloyd E. Pulley, in this (Cat 26) and in other Categories suggest that ST Report may soon print posts which members of the Independent Association of Atari Developers have made in the IAAD Category. In addition, your commentary in a recent Editor's Podium column indicates that you



are writing a "book", which may or may not likewise contain such private information.

As you are aware, the IAAD Category is a private area here on GENie designed for confidential exchanges between IAAD members. Members share their experiences and opinions on a variety of business-related topics, such as Atari, the media, the public, distributors, merchandizing, packaging, and on personal matters ranging from the War in Iraq to how to impress a woman. As in any exchange between human beings, the discussions sometimes become heated or silly and contributors may change their positions several times during the course of a thread. We "test out" our ideas on each other and reevaluate our plans and opinions. We share our frustrations and successes in a candid and intimate way, and this sharing has brought many of us closer together personally and has helped many of us through the hard times nearly everyone associated with Atari has experienced. Here, we are free to speak our minds among friends and peers. No Atari employee observes our discussion, no member of the press takes notes...with the exception of you and your staff.

When the subject of a group Category was introduced at a formational meeting in your hotel room at WAACE '89, you were among those who stressed the importance of privacy in any discussion between members. We know, therefore, that you understand just how vital that privacy is to the success of the group.

Each of our members has promised to keep the information in our Category private, and yet we find, time and time again, that one or another of the members has leaked information. In nearly every such case, it is you who has been the recipient of our private messages. We know that you are privy to our messages because you have called our members to tell them of your knowledge. You have identified various members as your source of information; when these cases are investigated, it is discovered that the parties you name are not involved at all. Unwarranted accusations have caused hurt feelings and bitterness among the members so named. It will not have escaped your notice that whenever a member announces that a breach has occurred, the area goes nearly silent and remains so for some time thereafter. Then members begin to relax, an important topic comes up, we let our hair down, we make some progress...and another breach of our privacy comes to our attention and the cycle begins once again. These leaks are thus a constant source of frustration to our board and to our members. They disrupt our progress both as individual programmers and publishers and as a group. That we are reduced to this public appeal is a measure of the very serious nature of this matter. The time we must devote to this problem might otherwise be devoted to improvements in our products and marketing, thus advancing the use of Atari computers, but instead we are having to defend our right to privacy.

Obviously, we have at least one member who has not honored his pledge. This is an internal problem in the group, and we will deal with it internally.

We have never attempted to breach your own private message bases. No "plant" sends us copies of your private discussions, nor would

we accept them. We do not call you in an attempt to draw you into revealing your private discussions. We do not tease, taunt, or threaten you with lawsuits and exposure.

We object to attempts, successful and unsuccessful, to receive information regarding our private discussions. We object to threats, latent and blatant, to publish our messages or to reveal publicly the information and opinions they contain. We find that these activities disrupt our personal and professional progress. We believe that they are ultimately highly detrimental to the entire Atari community.

Please cease this activity at once. Please ask your staff to refrain from taunting us in their posts, under their own personal addresses or that of your magazine, with a proposed article on "Things Your Developers Don't Want You to Hear" or with similar revelations of our private discussions. Please refrain from publishing or disbursing any information already gleaned from our private Category. Please refrain from accepting our confidences from wayward members. Please refrain from discussing our Category and its contents with any of our members.

Thank you for your strong support. It is much needed in this matter.

Sincerely,  
D.A. Brumleve  
Member, Independent Association of Atari Developers

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Editor;

Dear Ms. Brumleve, IAAD members, Users, Atarians;

Please rest assured, any posts which are IAAD specific or which could be considered normal chit chat for that area will not be reproduced in either ST Report nor any book that I may write.

In my humble opinion, it never ceases to amaze me at how an over reaction can lend credibility to supposition and innuendo. Factually speaking, there is no way anyone at STReport can prove or disprove the validity of the captures sent to us as having actually been posted in or, are even from a private CAT designated for the use of developers. Anyone, with any experience in the telecommunicating field, is very well aware of how easy it is to falsify, edit or compose a capture.

As far as the letter goes, ok, you've stated your position and its fine. All that's really been done by the letter is give credibility to the very things it complains about. It states the IAAD is going to deal with the internal problems. Consider dealing with the causes of the internal problems (leaks), ask yourselves why are these folks doing this? Believe me, its far more than one member. Now, if by dealing with the internal problems you mean to put an end to the alleged abuses occurring in the private area, then we must extend high praise to the IAAD.

As for revealing the material in question or, ANY material alleged to be from that area, it will never happen. The references to Lloyd's use or non-use of any of this material has been adequately addressed by him. He has clearly stated that he, in no way, will ever use it. The identities of all those who have come forward will never be revealed nor have any in the past. As far as anything else is concerned, the book is going well and while I appreciate your dilemma, its really unfounded.

We, at ST Report, being well aware of the IAAD and what they stand for, have every intention of fully supporting their membership and future.

Ralph F. Mariano

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This is an OPEN letter to Ms. Brumleve (and the IAAD) concerning the "OPEN" letter she/IAAD posted concerning the secrecy rights of IAAD.

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Ms. Brumleve,

First I would like to thank you for sharing OPENLY your letter to the Editor of ST Report.

"OPEN". That is the active word here. By your OPENNESS you have brought to light a problem which can now be considered and hopefully worked out in full view of all and NO "secret deals" can be made. Secrecy is scary. Having been an American for the past 36 years I have seen and experienced many "cover-ups" and behind the scenes actions by our government and major corporations. The people and/or organizations felt what they were doing behind the curtain of privacy was for the betterment of all concerned(e.g. the American People). Where would this country be if it had not been for "Deep Throat"(Watergate)? The leaks that brought about enlightenment of the arm for hostages deals with Iran?

Privacy and confidentiality are at the heart of A.A (and like) organizations since the onset. Still ANYONE can walk in and listen and/or participate.

Why not hold these meetings and discussions in the OPEN? If someone has something to say that might offend someone else then resort to personal mail! I would not want someone in IAAD to discuss me or my Company, it's policies or whatever with a group of peers without my being there. What is being said in IAAD areas that should not be made public?

Check out Delphi(ST Advantage) if you would like to experience OPEN discussion! EVERYTHING is said in the OPEN for ALL to see/read. Sure, sometimes peoples feelings get hurt. But when \*I\* am discussed \*I\* know about and can respond!

I can understand secrecy when it comes to discussing codeing of programs and such, but not EVERYTHING!

If people in IAAD get closed mouth when a leak is rumoured, then something is going on that they feel guilty about and don't want to be associated with if the leak gets out. If nothing is wrong then why the subtle disassociation (quietness)?

Please open the doors and let a little sunshine in. Let us, the ENTIRE Atari community, know what you IAAD members are planning or discussing so we can make informed decisions about our future in the Atari community!

Doyle C. Helms Jr.

D.Helms [GENie]  
STARTWO [Delphi The ST Advantage]

Member in long (suffering) standing of the Atari Community

Dear Ms. Brumleve,

I'll leave it to Mr. Mariano to respond to the parts of your letter that pertain to ST Report, but I feel I have to clarify a few points that you made. (NOTE: All posts are from the ST Roundtable on Genie, Category 18, Topic 3. All posts are from me, so I don't have to have permission to quote from them.)

1) You ignore post #80 in the topic, the one where I stated that anytime I was on-line under my own account, i.e., not using the ST Report free-flag, that one could safely assume that I was speaking for myself. (And all of my posts in this topic have been under my personal account.) Whether you realize it or not, I write for two other publications. So you taking ST Report to task for my personal comments was incorrect. If I were to write an article about this situation, it could go into one of three different publications (or all three).

2) In my post #81, I did make the statement "Hmmm..maybe that would make a good column..." "Things Your Developers Don't Want You to Hear". But you neglected to mention the many statements I made after this post when I said I was NOT going to use this information. Would you be kind enough to tell me where the following posts 'suggest' that I or ST Report may soon print posts from the IAAD category? They plainly state that I had no intention of using printing any of this information.

In post #88 I said, "Look at it this way, none of it has made it into print...and much of it would make for interesting reading."

In post #98 I said, "Due to the way I received the information, I would only use it for background...if I used it at all. And before I would use any of it, I would have it verified through other sources. Also I'm hurting circulation by not printing it because it would make for 'very' interesting reading. If I was as irresponsible a journalist as you make me out to be, I would have used the information long before now."

In my post #106 I said, "If I had wanted to use this info, I would have done it already. If I did use this information, it would only be for

background and I would have other sources so it could not be attributed to Cat 75. But at this point in time I have no intention of using any it."

3) What staff member of ST Report is in the IAAD area 'taking notes'? None that I know of.

4) You accuse ST Report of having a 'plant' in your category. There is a world of difference between someone 'leaking' information and ST Report installing a 'plant'. All of the discussion has been about a 'leak' not a 'plant'. But I notice later in your 'letter' that the 'plant' changes to a 'wayward member'.

5) Would you supply facts as to when 'we' (myself or ST Report) has teased, taunted or threatened you (IAAD) with lawsuits and exposure? Look back at my posts #88, #98, and #106 and you will see there is NO threat of exposure in any of them. In fact, in post #98, I said, "Before you jump to your next false conclusion, I am NOT threatening legal actions against anyone." How much plainer of a statement do you need?

6) Yes, you do have at least one member who has not honored his/her pledge, but when you deal with it, will you also deal with what caused this person not to be able to honor their pledge?

You make a big deal of talking about your (IAAD) RIGHTS of privacy, but you want to cancel out all other rights. Have you ever read Article 1 of the Bill of Rights? This is that silly thing that guarantees the people (not just some of the people) free speech. This same Article, guarantees the right of a free press (not just a press that prints what you want it to print).

You want ST Report to tell their staff (as I stated earlier, I write for other publications also), that they have NO RIGHT to their personal opinions, even when using their own personal accounts (accounts that are not free-flaged). In what other ways would you like to limit MY right of free speech? Do you feel the same about other on-line personalities? Do you feel the Atari reps should always be speaking for Atari? Do you feel Nathan should always be speaking for ISD or the IAAD? Should we assume that when you refer in public to a certain on-line magazine being "a rag", that you're speaking for the IAAD or your own software company?

You (IAAD) want the RIGHT of privacy, but at the same time, you seem to want to do away the the RIGHT of a free press and you want to dictate what the press can print.

Yes, a free press does use 'leaks' (I'm sure that Nixon found the Watergate 'leaks' to be disruptive and highly detrimental to the running of the country also). Before you say it, not all of the 'leaks' used by responsible, professional news media concern criminal cases. Our local paper recently ran an article concerning the wealth of the LDS church and several of their sources were 'leaks' within the church. You can't read the Washington Post for a week without seeing articles that were based on 'leaked' information.

Even in this case, I used restraint and didn't print the 'leaked' posts. There was always a chance, however small, that they were made-up and false. (But I seriously doubt it. I'm experienced enough to usually tell a made up post. Especially when you take into account these posts were written over a length of time, mostly written by the same 2-4 people, in the same writing style as their 'public' posts and partially saying the

same things these same people say in public.)

Yes, a free press does dig for information and tries to find out what's going on behind 'closed doors'. This is not always because they think something 'wrong' is going on, but to keep the public informed. Sometimes this digging does dredge up information which is embarrassing to certain people. (I am sure that Mr. Reagan was embarrassed when it 'leaked' out that he napped as much as he did.) But that is the nature of a FREE PRESS.

You (IAAD) want the RIGHT of privacy, but don't want the responsibility of making sure your area is kept clean of material that could be potentially detrimental to others. With every RIGHT comes a equal RESPONSIBILITY.

Throughout your letter, I noticed one thing lacking. A denial that the types of posts that were sent to me really exists (or did exist) in the IAAD area. No denial that there are (or were) posts in the IAAD area which are (were) detrimental to some non-IAAD persons (I won't use the words slander and character assassination as I am not a lawyer). Your phrase "letting our hair down" does not come close to adequately describing some of the posts I received.

In the past you have been very critical of "irresponsible", "non-professional" and "taking things out of context" journalism, but I found your letter to be full of these 'sins'. You quote one post but ignore others that do not support your position or that contradict you. You twist facts and posts to create the proper degree of hysteria among your readers. You use loaded words like "plant" when the word "leak" would be more proper. You 'fly the flag' and speak of RIGHTS but ignore your own RESPONSIBILITIES; plus you want to do away with others' rights. You want 'professional' journalism but only if it's your idea of professional (yes, real newspapers use leaks too).

Lloyd E. Pulley, Sr.  
Speaking for himself

from Genie,  
About the TT.....

Category 18, Topic 13  
Message 110 Tue Jul 09, 1991  
MIKE-FULTON [Mike @ Atari] at 00:55 EDT

G.RICHARDS01,

- 1) There isn't any difference between TT RAM boards for 16mhz or 32mhz machines.
- 2) Motherboard-32mhz machines have been around awhile now, since the spray-coated case was adopted. All of the new machines I've seen since January or so have been 32-mhz motherboards without a daughterboard. In fact, I've seen only a handful of daughter-board 32mhz machines. However, both the original version of the 32mhz motherboard as well as the 32mhz daughterboard do not pass FCC class B. A new version is being worked on, of course, but I doubt if anything will be announced until \*after\* it's gotten class B approval. \*I\* certainly don't intend to speculate on a date.

Mike

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from the Fnet,

Sent : Jul 09, 1991 at 4:54 PM  
To : Ralph Mariano  
From : Rick Ostapower  
Subj : HI!

Hello Mr. Mariano!! I'am President of STAR Atlanta ST Roundtable and would like to thank you and your staff for a first rate online magazine..

Rick

Sent : Jul 09, 1991 at 9:10 AM  
To : Ralph Mariano  
From : Michael Lechkun  
Subj : SX212 Modem/Thanking 8 Bitters

I firmly believe U.S. Atari doesn't want to 'thank' Atari 8-Bit owners. That technology was inherited from Warner Communications. That technology was merely just another liquid asset used by Atari Corp. to fund further endeavours (ie., the ST).

If anything, it seems Atari Corp. does deals like the Damark deal to 'punish' those users who did not blindly follow the ST "Upgrade" path. Who could have benefitted more from those modems?

With all due fairness, I believe the modems sold for \$29.95 at the recent Windsor Atari Fest (in Canadian \$\$\$'s, no less!). BTW, I'm selling my 1 Meg, TOS 1.4, internal DS drive 520 ST (any buyers out there?). My 8-Bit and (new) PC are all I really need...

Mike

Conf : For Sale  
Msg# : 9637 Lines: Extended Read: 1  
Sent : Jul 08, 1991 at 3:30 PM  
To : ALL  
From : Mark Santora at Hologram Inc. - 133 - O.B., NJ  
Subj : Word Perfect Update

This is a letter I received today from the WORD PERFECT Corporation concerning their intentions in the ATARI market for the future. This letter is in response to the letter writing campaign to continue support in the ATARI Word Perfect Platform.

Thank You for your letter about WP Corp.'s ATARI Development.  
I understand your concern.

Each product we produce is set up as its own profit center. The Revenues from the product must be able to support the resources dedicated to it. When we first started working on the ATARI version we hoped that it would do well and be able to support ongoing improvements. This has not been the case. Though it would be nice to have the full 5.1 functionality in the Atari product, the revenues are not enough to finance a full-fledged 5.1 development effort.

Although we have not been able to upgrade the Atari version as we have the DOS version, we continue to support version 4.1 with toll-free customer support and occasional updates with necessary corrections. We hope that Word Perfect 4.1 for the Atari will continue to be of use to the Atari Community.

If you have any further questions about Word Perfect for the Atari, please write again or call me at (801) 228-5004.

Corporate Communications.

Word Perfect Corp.  
1555 N. Technology Way  
Orem Utah 84057

<-----End of letter----->

As an Atari user, any person on this base should take the five minutes out of his/her life to write Liz Tanner at Word Perfect. The Atari Community NEEDS to see industry wide products like Word Perfect. Without the letters, we will loose one of the best word processors for the ATARI market. This isn't about support of a product, it is about the extinction of a great computer, the Atari ST...

Editor Note:

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Although there are those who will disagree, Word Perfect is the word processor that has come to be the "standard" by which all others are judged. It has come to our attention that Atari may be "playing around" with the source code to Word-Up. Please, Atari... if you must, do it in addition to encouraging WPerfect's support of the Atari platform, not instead of. Hopefully a lesson was learned with DeskSet and MS Write. Let the pros create word processing software, and Atari continue to produce the excellent hardware its famous for.

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> RICK KEENE! STR FOCUS                    "The World of Willy Weasely"  
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ANIMATIONS SUPREME!



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By Dana P. Jacobson

The last time we visited Rick Keene and his world of Willy Weasely, Rick was making final preparations for the Whoopadoo Club. The Whoopadoo Club is the official fan club for Willy Weasely fans. In STR #7.26 I gave you some info on this fan club, and Rick has kept me posted with some updated news. So, let me share that info with you as well!

Once the initial idea was formulated, Rick brought the idea up to me and a few other Willy fan(atic)s. Apparently, everyone thought that it was a good idea. Rick got excited at the prospect that he immediately started using all of his spare time putting everything together. He first got a badge-making machine and started on the buttons. The artwork for them was done using the ST. He then created and printed the membership cards, also on the ST. Then, the actual hardcopy comic was designed (yep, on the ST) and printed. According to Rick, it's more than a digest-sized comic book. It contains a Willy Weasely story, an article about Willy and where he came from, a centerfold (swimsuit!) of the girl (rabbit) of his dreams, and then an article about "swipes" in comics.

I "mis-assumed" in my last article about the girl in Willy Weasely 3. According to Rick, "Lorraine in the third comic book is not the hooker from "All's Fair". You know how similar people (woodland animals) from other races look to caucasians. I guess that I'm going to have to vary the hairstyles a little more on the girls that Willy goes out with. Bun-ny, the real love of his life that keeps eluding him, looks distinctly different with those rabbit ears and that elbow-length curly black hair. She never made it into a one-page story but she's usually found in one of the longer 10-page stories. She's also the girl in the centerfold in the fan club comic book.

As to the "swipes", Rick mentions that a couple of panels in one of the Willy stories were "swiped" from a couple of Van Goghs. He digitized in both paintings and then put them on a page next to the two panels from the story and explained how this was done in comics. Lately, though, it's being done using other comic panels from other artists' books. The Comics Journal shows a gallery of swipes each month asking the readers if they're intentional or coincidental. Rick's theory is if you're going to swipe, swipe from the best!

Rick is hoping that these Willy Weasely comics will appeal to ST users as well as comic book readers. If the number of downloads of these comics on Delphi and GENie have any indication, Rick appears to have a winner on his hands. The ST played a big part in putting all of this together, and he mentions in the new comic exactly what he used to do it. In fact, he goes right down to the CAD-3D fuji logo that Willy is leaning against (Willy also sprayed his initials on the fuji with a can of paint; but you can expect that from a weasel!).

We're also pleased here at STReport to announce that STR is the official online magazine home for Rick Keene and Willy Weasely! If you happen to be in the Boston neighborhood tomorrow, the 13th, you can meet Rick in person. He'll be at the 2nd Atari Day at the Bit Bucket along with Jim Allen of Fast Technology, Rick Flashman & company from Gribnif Software, and a few other developers. Rick will be showing off more of his work and

will be happy to talk with anyone wishing to learn more about his work.  
Hope to see you there!

Until next time...

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> MAC REPORT  
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Issue #013  
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by Robert Allbritton

MacReport News  
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\*\*\* IBM buys Metaphor, Advances Apple Pact

One of the largest parts of the new Apple / IBM pact involved vast software co-operation through the creation of a joint venture to develop a next generation operating system for computers of all sizes. Much of the new operating system is to rely heavily on object oriented programming which allows programs to be written with less dependance on a particular computers hardware.

In 1988, IBM and Metaphor founded a joint venture called Patriot Partners to begin work on object oriented programming, later, Apple computer began working with Patriot Partners on this same technology. On Thursday, IBM increased its ownership in Metaphor from 8% to 100%, and announced that Metaphor and Patriot Partners would be merged into the new Apple / IBM joint venture when it is formed. This brings the Apple / IBM pact one step closer to reality.

\*\*\* The Macintosh LC

I have enjoyed working with the Mac for quite a while and as a "power user" I have tried to surround myself with some nice equipment. I got a Mac IIci soon after they came out and have recently upgraded it to a 50Mhz 68030 and 50Mhz 68882 Math Co-Processor with 32 Megs of RAM and a 200 Meg hard drive. I also went upscale on the display with a 13 inch Trinitron (16 million colors at once) and a 19 inch Ikegami (256 colors at once.) One of the nice things about the Mac II is that you can have two screens working at once.

Now I did not list all that equipment in an attempt to show off, but rather to make a point. This is powerful stuff, best used for photo-touch ups, Raytracing, high end mathematical work, and high end prepress work. This should \*NOT\* be used to play Tetris. Problem is, that is exactly what it was being used for. My girlfriend is an addict (yes, she's been "Tetrisized.") Now I don't know about all of the women out there but guys,

if you want to get along with the opposite sex do two things: 1) One a month, hide for those two days your lady-friend turns into Dracula, and 2) Don't even \*DREAM\* of taking Tetris away.

One solution is to take her old computer and sell it, (her's was a Mac Plus, worth about \$600) sell her old printer (Imagewriter, \$250) and then throw in about \$750 of your own and buy her a Macintosh LC.

The Mac LC may well be the best value ever available from Apple Computer. for \$1600 (street price) you get a 16Mhz 68020 computer with 2 Megs of RAM, a 40 Meg Hard Drive, a keyboard, and mouse. The machine is capable of displaying 16 bit color (16,000 colors at once) on the 12" color monitor at 512 x 384 resolution, or 8 bit color (256 colors at once from a palette of over 16 million) on the 13" monitor at 640 x 480 resolution. It will run Mac II color applications, and best of all it plays Tetris.

Apple was able to make this machine inexpensively by dramatically lowering production costs. The LC employs three custom chips that take the place of about 25 chips on the original Mac II. Additionally, the LC uses a 16 bit bus. The 68020 is capable of going into a 16 bit bus mode (real Mac II's use a 32 bit bus) at a sacrifice of some speed. That is not to say the LC is a slow machine: Its got all the pep that 90% of all Mac users would ever need, it just gets you there for far less money.

The LC is actually a better design in some ways than the Mac IIsi or Mac IIfx. All three computers (the LC, IIsi and IIfx) have built in video circuitry, but the IIsi and IIfx use main memory to hold the video image. This takes away from memory that could be used for programming and it also slows the machine down as cycles are used so the video circuitry can access main memory and get screen data. The LC uses a separate VideoRAM SIMM for display memory. The computer never has to wait to sync with the video because they are in separate memory. Speaking of memory, since the LC is a 16 bit design, that means you can expand its memory by changing two SIMMS at a time (Mac II family requires changes in banks of four.) The problem is the LC only has two SIMM sockets, but with 4 Meg SIMMS and its own two megs on-board, the LC can go up to a maximum of 10 Megs of RAM. The LC is also 32-bit clean, so you can access all 10 megs of that RAM under System 7 (System 6 limited you to 8 megs.) A Math Co-Processor can be installed in the LC's expansion slot, but you can not put NuBus cards in the LC (That is a Mac II exclusive.)

While the LC is great for word processing, games, spread sheets, and desk top publishing, I would not recommend it for CAD applications, professional artists, or those needing maximum expandability. But the LC is not limited either, several 68040 accelerators are already available for the LC that blast its performance past the top of the line Mac IIfx: when you outgrow your LC, it won't outgrow you.

If you have always thought about getting a color Mac, but never wanted to pay the price: look out. Apple has finally broken the \$2000 price barrier with color and your excuses are gone. Best of all, it plays Tetris.

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